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Why we Are Late

The EVANGELIST was a day late last week; it is a day late this week. The Quarterly is late also. Why this "thusness"? It is all very easily explained. Sickness and death in the home of compositors, their friends and relatives. No blame or responsibility rests on the foreman in the office, nor on Brother Lichty, for both did what they could; nor on the editor, as copy has been regularly furnished as fast as it could be set up. No one is to blame for the delay. It is one of the inevitable things in life. Have patience, your paper, Quarterlies, The Angelies and Our Little Folks will be along, even if they are "lagging behind."

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To Our Agents

Be sure and send in the names you secure each week. You need not send the money at once, but please report the names that have renewed so we can extend their time and stop sending statements to them. Some of our agents are doing nicely and have sent in fine reports. The best report so far is from a good sister in Illinois who sent in 21 names.

An Extraordinary Offer

From now on until the end of 1901 we will send the EVANGELIST (\$1.50) and Purple and Gold (50c) to new subscribers for \$1.50. This splendid offer will not last long.

Personal Mention

Brother Beachler is now engaged in revival work at Farmersville, Ohio.

Brother W. H. Miller closed his meeting at Center Chapel, Indiana, with five accessions.

Brother Ditch writes that last week's paper was worth at least six subscribers to the EVANGELIST Thanks.

Brother Summers began revival services in the La Paz, Indiana church, December 19. The congregation is hopeful for an interesting and successful meeting.

The first of the series of letters on his trip to Europe by Brother Tombaugh appears in this issue and is intensely interesting. We rejoice in anticipation of what is to follow.

Brother I. D. Powman closed his meeting at Allentown, Pa. with the following result: three by baptism, one by relation, one reclaimed and one confession after the communion services.

We are sure that the brotherhood will not object to the rather large space given to the meetings recently held at this place by Brother Yoder. They have been a source of great power and will continue to be for time to come.

Brother Gillin's notes from New York continue very interesting. We have had letters expressing appreciation of these notes. Brother Gillin, the brotherhood will be glad to have you give them the benefit of your historical researches in reference to the Lord's Supper.

About two years ago Brother Tombaugh contributed to the Angelus an article on Christmas. It is reprinted in the EVANGELIST in this issue, but should have appeared in the Home Department of the paper instead of the Christian Life Department. It is written for young people, boys and girls.

The pastors and churches of Pennsylvania will do well to read carefully what Brother Smith, the evangelist of that State has to say in reference to the support of the evangelistic work to which he has been called, and then act accordingly, or they may be without Brother Smith before they are aware of it.

The several young people's societies of the Brethren church in Cambria County, Pa., have invited Prof. W. D. Furry, of the college to deliver an address on occasion of a joint meeting to be held Friday evening, December 27 in the Conemaugh church. Brother Furry has accepted the invitation and the young people are to be congratulated upon the selection of so able and entertaining speaker, he is expected to remain over Sabbath and assist in the dedication of the new church Moxham, suburb of Johnstown.

Brother Bemenderfer just closed a very successful two weeks' meeting at the Darwin church. Two were added to the membership of the church, and a revival spirit is manifest. The prayer meeting has been re-opened, and from present indications the church will begin the new year in an excellent condition.

Thru sister Libbie Stewart we learn that the class at Syracuse will soon have a new house in which to worship God. The congregation at that place does not number above twenty members, but they are willing workers, self-sacrificing, and as a result they will have the new home as a place of worship for which they are grateful.

Brother J. H. Swihart requests us to say that his address continues to be North Liberty, Indiana. His work for the present conference year is at North Liberty, Walkerton and Flora. Four have been added to the Flora congregation lately, two by relation and two by baptism. The revival work at Liberty has been hindered on account of the sickness of Brother Swihart's wife.

Under "Sermon Echoes" brother L. S. Bauman does some rather plain talking to husbands and wives. Not too plain however. Try the brother's panacea; it can do no harm, and it may do a great deal of good. How can a Christian man and wife grow cold toward each other? Never, it cannot be. Christianity strengthens all the family affections and relations. We once heard of a candidate for ordination in the Methodist church who, upon examination declared that he had been so weaned from the world that since conversion he hates everything which before his conversion he loved, and loves everything he once hated. The presiding Bishop at once asked him whether he now hates his wife and children. The Lord Jesus recognized marriage and the family as divine institutions, and all the ties that bind together the several members of the family as sacred.

Brother L. O. Hubbard is now engaged in revival work at the Union Salem, Indiana, church. On a neat card he announces meetings from December 7, to December 29, with subjects for the entire period, with probably two or three exceptions. Among the subjects announced we note the following which we regard as happily chosen:

True Faith.	Christ Forsaken.
The Abiding Christ.	Christ Thirsty.
Unfinished Revelation.	Christ's work Finished.
Pledge the Children.	Into Thy Hands.
The Noble Outcast.	True Sympathy.
Failures in Life.	The Two Ways.
Delayed Recognition.	Overcoming Evil.
Good and Bad Angels.	The Scarlet Line.
True Activity.	No Room.
Temptation and How to Overcome.	
Hiding from God.	Christ's Forgiving Nature.
Healing and Hurting Shadows.	
Complete Confidence.	True Freedom.
God's Watch-Care	Marriage and Divorce
	Profanity and Its Penalty.

Brother Andrew Coffman and his church have set a good example for all Brethren churches. Recently he sent to this office a draft for \$25.00 which is to be placed to his credit. For this amount he and the congregation where he holds his membership will send one dollar subscriptions to the EVANGELIST, that is they will pay the paper for those who are too poor to pay for it, and for those who can afford to pay for it but will not subscribe. This we regard as a capital idea and hope to hear of other congregations who will do the same thing. It may not require \$25.00 to place the EVANGELIST into all the homes of your congregation, but what